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EXDIS FROM GELB AND VELIOTES FOR ATHERTON AND HABIB

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SUBJECT: US-ISRAELI CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING

THE US-ISRAELI CONSULTATIVE GROUP MET ON AUGUST 2 TO DIS-
CUSS:

-- THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE GROUP;

-- ISRAELI EXPORT OF GABRIEL MISSILES WITH US COMPONENTS;

-- US PERMISSION FOR THE EXPORT OF ADDITIONAL MYSTERES TO
HONDURAS;

-- KFIR SALES TERRITORY.

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1. TERMS OF REFERENCE.

MR. GELB SAID THAT THE US COULD ASSURE ISRAEL THAT THE CON-
SULTATIVE GROUP WOULD NOT SUPPLANT EXISTING CHANNELS OF
COMMUNICATION FOR THE ISRAELIS IN THEIR MILITARY SUPPLY
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US, AND THAT IT WOULD SERVE AS A

MECHANISM THAT EITHER SIDE COULD USE TO RAISE ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION. MR. CIECHANOVER ASKED IF THE GROUP WOULD DEAL ONLY WITH ISRAELI EXPORTS OF ITEMS CONTAINING US COMPONENTS AND REQUIRING US APPROVAL PRIOR TO RE-EXPORT. MR. GELB SAID THAT THIS WAS THE CASE, AND BOTH SIDES AGREED TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE.

2. GABRIEL MISSILE EXPORTS.

MR. CIECHANOVER SAID THAT ISRAEL WOULD CONSULT WITH US BEFORE EXPORTING ANY GABRIEL MISSILES CONTAINING US COMPONENTS TO SOUTH AFRICA. IN THE MEANTIME, THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WAS SEEKING NON-US REPLACEMENTS FOR US COMPONENTS IN THOSE GABRIEL MISSILES DESIGNATED FOR EXPORT TO SOUTH AFRICA; BUT IT HAS NOT YET SUCCEEDED. HE ASKED IF WE WOULD NOW RELEASE OUR HOLD ON THE EXPORT LICENSE FOR GABRIEL COMPONENTS, UNDER THE ASSURANCE THAT THESE COMPONENTS WOULD BE USED ONLY IN GABRIELS PRODUCED FOR IDF USE. AMONG THESE, HE PLACED PRIORITY ON CARBON CLOTH. MR. GELB REPLIED THAT WE WOULD RECONSIDER THESE LICENSE REQUESTS IN THE LIGHT OF NEW ISRAELI ASSURANCES, AND GET BACK TO THEM WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

3. MYSTERES TO HONDURAS.

MR. GELB REPORTED THAT THE US WOULD RESPOND FAVORABLY TO
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THE ISRAELI REQUEST TO EXPORT TWO ADDITIONAL MYSTERES, CONTAINING US ENGINES, TO HONDURAS. ALL THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED, HE SAID, WAS THAT WE GIVE CONGRESS A 30-DAY NOTIFICATION AND RECEIVE A LETTER OF ASSURANCE FROM HONDURAS THAT THEY WOULD NOT RE-EXPORT THE ENGINES. MESSRS. BAR-ON AND CIECHANOVER OFFERED TO ASSIST IN EXPEDITING RECEIPT OF THE WRITTEN ASSURANCES FROM HONDURAS. MR. KOCHANNEK WOULD PROVIDE THE REQUIRED LANGUAGE.

4. KFIR SALES TERRITORY.

MR. GELB PRESENTED MESSRS. BAR-ON AND CIECHANOVER WITH A LIST OF COUNTRIES TO WHICH THE US WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO APPROVE KFIR SALES AT THIS TIME. THIS LIST WAS DRAWN FROM A LIST OF COUNTRIES THAT ISRAEL HAD PRESENTED IN AN EARLIER CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING. GELB MADE CLEAR THAT WE WERE NOT APPROVING SALES TO THE REMAINING COUNTRIES. ANY PROPOSED SALE WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE US ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. AS FOR TAIWAN, MR. GELB SAID, IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO REQUEST US APPROVAL FOR KFIR SALES TO TAIWAN, EVEN INFORMALLY. THE SECRETARY WOULD BE TRAVELING TO PEKING IN AUGUST, HE SAID, AND WE WOULD KNOW BETTER

AFTER THAT WHAT OUR POSITION WOULD BE. MR. CIECHANOVER REPLIED THAT THERE WERE NO FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY YET WITH THE TAIWANESE FOR THE KFIR. THEY EXPECT A ROC AIR FORCE TEAM TO VISIT ISRAEL IN TWO WEEKS OR SO. AT ANY RATE, THE ISRAELIS WILL NOT RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH THE US

UNTIL THEY HEAR FROM THE TAIWANESE.

FINALLY, MR. CIECHANOVER INQUIRED ABOUT THE MEANING OF THE CLAUSES IN THE RECENT US APPROVAL OF HYDROFOIL AND CHAR-IOT TANK PRODUCTION IN ISRAEL, REQUIRING THAT THESE CASES BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENTS. HE SAID HE COULD UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DEFENSE DE-
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PARTMENT, BUT HE WAS PUZZLED BY THE REQUIREMENT FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT. MR. GELB EXPLAINED THAT THESE CLAUSES WERE ONLY MEANT TO PROVIDE FOR WHAT-EVER TECHNICALITIES REMAINED TO BE WORKED OUT. HE SAID THAT THERE WAS NO PAPERWORK FOR ISRAEL TO DO AT THIS POINT AND THAT WE WOULD BE PROCESSING OUR OWN PAPER ON THESE CASES SOMETIME IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. CHRISTOPHER

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